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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 5, please delete the paragraph immediately after "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" that begins with "This application is a continuation" and insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. National Stage Application Serial Ser. No. 09/868,288, now U.S. Patent No. 6,627,006, filed September 17, 2001 Jun. 15, 2004, in the U.S. Patent Office under 35 U.S.C. §371, claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 and §365 of International Application No. PCT/EP99/07527, filed Oct. 7, 1999, in the European Patent Office and DE 198 57 799.0, filed on Dec. 15, 1998, in the German Patent Office.--